



Canadian Authors Association **“Writers Helping Writers”**

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Canadian Authors Association, Alberta Branch, is pleased to announce the recent engagement of two new Writers in residence for the 2009-2010 season.

Edmonton Writer in Residence: Kath MacLean

Recognized as one of Edmonton’s most eclectic poet-performers, Kath MacLean is a writer, critic, editor, educator, and entrepreneur. Known for her rich images and “breath-taking lyricism and musicality,” her award-winning work is generating critical acclaim across Canada. Since the publication of *For a Cappuccino on Bloor*, her first poetry book, MacLean’s work continues to earn her recognition as an important new voice in Canadian literature. Published in journals across Canada, the U.S. and soon, abroad, her writing has also been broadcast on CBC radio. She has been a popular guest on arts and entertainment radio shows from coast to coast. *seedbone and hammer*, her new poetry CD, will be launched this fall.

MacLean is a certified teacher and has taught students of all ages including university and college classes for almost two decades. She holds a Ph.D in English and an MA in creative writing, and runs an editing and communications business, Vicious Editing. Specializing in adult education and creativity, MacLean will provide manuscript review and consultations during her residency and will assist in the organization of the Alberta Branch’s annual Exporting Alberta Award. She may be contacted at ewir@canauthorsalberta.ca

Calgary Writer in residence: Lori Hahnel

Our Calgary-based Writer-in-residence Lori Hahnel is a novelist (*Love Minus Zero*, Oberon, 2008) and an award-winning and much published short story writer. Her short fiction has aired on CBC Radio, appeared in anthologies, and published in dozens of literary journals. A collection of her short fiction entitled *Nothing Sacred* (Thistledown Press) will be launched this fall. She has educational background in adult learning, has presented character-based workshops, and through her work with Calgary Public Library, has a broad knowledge base and instructional experience in electronic and catalogue research.

Since the appointment of a Calgary-based WiR is a pilot project for CAA Alberta Branch, Hahnel will focus this year on reaching out to, and building a community among, our growing number of southern Alberta members, and on organizing a winter workshop for them, in addition to receiving submissions and meeting with writers. She may be contacted at cwir@canauthorsalberta.ca.

Our two Writers-in-residence will share the role of facilitating the monthly Writers’ Circle.

More information about the new Writers-in-residence, their office hours and locations, and the start and end dates of their residencies, will be forthcoming.